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HINCHEY SECURES \$200,000 FOR BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON - U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey (NY-22) today announced that the omnibus federal spending bill passed last week includes \$200,000 to help Binghamton University establish a new research facility. A member of the House Appropriations Committee, Hinchey requested the funds in the Labor, Health and Human Services spending bill for fiscal year 2003, which was among those rolled into the omnibus bill.

"The researchers at Binghamton University are working on innovative and important projects that could have tremendous implications for the treatment of disease," said Hinchey. "The specific facility funded by this earmark will enable doctors to detect diseases at much earlier stages than is currently possible. It will have the added benefit of boosting the economy of the Southern Tier."

The funding Hinchey announced today will go toward the creation of the Protein Dynamics Research Facility, which will enable faculty to significantly advance the development of instrumentation to identify and interpret indicators of such diseases as diabetes, cancer and Alzheimer's in blood, urine and tissue samples. It will allow physicians and scientists to detect early stages of diseases and provide opportunities to intervene and better understand disease origins. It will also provide the infrastructure to enable Binghamton University to become a world leader in this field.

Hinchey, who believes that Binghamton University is key to improving the economy of the region, met with B.U. President Lois DeFleur and other representatives of the university in September to discuss this and other proposed research projects.

"I agreed at that time to assist President DeFleur and the university's research staff in any way I can," Hinchey added. "Binghamton University is uniquely situated to effect positive change in the area's economy."